

FYI- Governor Davis issued this press release on the passing of Celia Cruz.

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STATEMENT ON DEATH OF "QUEEN OF SALSA" 07/16/2003 SACRAMENTO**

Governor Gray Davis today issued the following statement on the death of legendary singer and "Queen of Salsa" Celia Cruz: "Celia Cruz was a pioneer in her industry. For over five decades, Californians and the world were entertained with the Cuban sounds and style that made "salsa music" an international musical sensation and Celia Cruz a legend. "Last year, Celia Cruz completed a public service announcement for the California Department of Health Services on breast cancer awareness. Her message on the importance of early detection of breast cancer undoubtedly saved the lives of many California women. This selfless act demonstrates that besides being a music legend, Celia Cruz was also a humanitarian. "Sharon and I send our heartfelt condolences to her husband Pedro Knight and to their family."

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